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SUBJECT: EXXON CASE

1. MR. VAN BERG OF ESSO INTER-AMERICA TELEPHONED THE DEPARTMENT TODAY TO SAY HE UNDERSTOOD THE SIXTY DAY DEAD-LINE THE USG HAD GIVEN THE GOA TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THE EXPROPRIATION CASES WAS ABOUT TO EXPIRE AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE USG AGREED WITH HIS COMPANY THAT, GIVEN THE CURRENT SITUATION IN ARGENTINA, IT WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO "CUT THE STRING" ON ARGENTINA AT THIS TIME.

2. VAN BERG SAID THE HEAD OF YPF, WHO WAS FIRED AT THE TIME OF THE LAST CABINET CHANGE, HAD NOT BEEN REPLACED. HIS FUNCTIONS ARE BEING MORE OR LESS HANDLED BY THE NEW ENERGY SECRETARY GUISCARDO, WHO CLAIMS LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH THE BACKGROUND OF THE ESSO CASE. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES HE DID NOT SEE HOW ANY SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS

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TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF THE ESSO CASE COULD BE MADE.

THE ONLY STEP HE THOUGHT THE GOA MIGHT BE ABLE TO TAKE
WOULD BE REGISTRATION OF ESSO'S CAPITAL UNDER THE INVEST-
MENT LAW. KISSINGER

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